

## COMSTOCK LOSES HIS POST-OFFICE INSPECTOR JOB

Government Will Try to  
Get Along Without  
"St. Anthony."

After a career of thirty-four years as Post-Office Inspector, during which he earned the sobriquet of "The Great American Censor"—and many other names—Anthony Comstock has been deposed.

A despatch received to-day from Washington confirms the previous report of this intelligence, pleasing to many. He was deprived of his position as a result of his crusade against the Art Students' League. There was great rejoicing at the society's studios, in West Fifty-seventh street, to-day, and an emissary who was deputed to peep into the enemy's camp reported back that Saint Anthony had taken his removal to heart.

Deprived of his position as an inspector, the professional vice squelcher will be without Governmental backing in future, and those avenues through which he secured evidence to conduct raids in the past will be closed to him. Comstock's downfall may be directly attributed to his war against the Art Students, whose magazine he confiscated on the ground it contained lewd and lascivious pictures. As president of the Society for the Suppression of Vice, he experienced a rashness of joy when he won the first skirmish by causing the arrest of a young woman employed as a bookkeeper at the League. He was preparing his case against her when members went to Washington and complained that Comstock was abusing the privileges of his office.

### Used Position in Post-Office.

It was pointed out that, through the post-office, he secured the evidence by which he made raids in the name of his society. His Government position entitled him to examine mail addressed to any one, and, in consequence, he made scores of complaints which never were justified.

An investigation was ordered, and at its conclusion the great czar of common morality and censor of art and literature received word that the Government would be able to drag along without his help.

It was just thirty-four years ago that Comstock mounted himself upon a metaphorical pedestal, capping his crown with a halo. He used his position to defy his enemies, and through it he gained access to many valuable secrets.

When he sent notice that his credentials had been cancelled, the Postmaster-General added a few consoling lines. In them he was told that if he cared to drop all other business affairs, he could remain on the country's payroll at the munificent salary of \$1,500 a year, a sum which many would care to be excused.

This, however, would necessitate his resignation as head of the Vice Society, which pays \$5,000 a year. As no one ever heard of Comstock divorcing himself from large sums, just to become engaged to smaller ones, it is positive he will refuse further to aid the Government by peeping into correspondence.

Members of the Art Students' League suggested that Mr. Comstock might retaliate against the nation by refusing to permit his private mail to pass through the same channels with "lewd, lascivious and vile matter."

The committee of arrangements of the Irish Counties Athletic Union, under whose auspices will be held the Great Irish Charity Ball on Jan. 22 in Madison Square Garden, are busy making final plans for the event. The committee has so far decided to apply the proceeds to the maintenance of beds in hospitals for the benefit of Irish men and women who may be too poor to receive treatment at their homes.

Two great military bands will furnish the music. Each of the thirty-two counties in Ireland will have one more box, and the flag of each will be draped from in front of the box. A feature of the night will be many Gaelic figure dances. Through the activity of the Gaelic League there are scores of dancing classes all over Greater New York in which the beautiful terpsichorean movements of old Ireland are taught. The result of this work will be apparent when an expedition from these dancing classes will take the floor at midnight and go through the beautiful figure dances, reg and jig. One thousand pairs of trained feet tapping to the rhythm of the "Wind That Shakes the Barley" should be a scene to inspire every Irish heart.

The arrangements committee will meet at No. 311 West Forty-seventh street to-morrow night, when the plans for the occasion will be arranged and other necessary business details arranged.

**"BIG SIX" MAN LIFE-SAVER**

John Skelly Holds Baby from Window Till Firemen Come.

The friends of John Skelly, sergeant-at-arms of Big Six, are to-day congratulating him on his brave rescue of an infant child during the smoke and fire in the big apartment at No. 232 Third avenue yesterday. When the blaze was discovered Skelly was dressing. His wife rushed to the street and gave the alarm, but Skelly was cut off by smoke and lay at the window. He found Mrs. Mary O'Brien, sixty years old, her daughter Mrs. McDermott, and the latter's infant alone hemmed in and unable to escape. Skelly took the women and child to the window and held the baby in the fresh air until the firemen raised a ladder and took them down.

## The Evening World's New Fashion Series; Costumes Specially Designed for Its Readers

Drawings by ANNETTE BRADSHAW, the Most Famous Costume Designer in This Country.



Three Gowns for Theatre and Restaurant  
in Which Prevailing Features of the  
Leading Styles Are Employed.

By Annette Bradshaw.

**G**OWNS for theatre wear hold a very important place in the wardrobe of a New York woman. New Yorkers are such lovers of the play, and the number of playhouses allow them to gratify this taste continually.

Besides being in constant demand, such dresses are in a class of their own. They are not full dress, nor can they be of too perishable a material; yet they are more elaborate than reception or calling dresses. They call for handsome trimmings in the way of laces, embroideries and appliques, but these are generally used on materials of a rather substantial body, as cloth or velvet, though some are seen in sheer, diaphanous stuffs. All, however, partake of the long clinging lines so popular just now.

Draped bodices and sleeves are frequently seen and fully half have a suggestion of the Empire, if only in the height of the girdle at the back. Half sleeves are almost universal.

The skirts are long, very long, so that it seems as though the wearers must tread on them in front.

At the restaurants both before and after the theatre these gowns are displayed to their best advantage, and are really designed with that end in view.

No. 1 is of Delft blue cloth, embroidered in round dots. The bodice is draped over a high girdle, and trimmed with wide bands of cameo embroideries in silk and velvet. The chemise and high collar are of fine lace. The skirt is full, slightly gathered at the waist and trimmed with a band of embroidery.

No. 2 is a chiffon velvet gown in faded violet. The skirt is very long and full, gathered at the top. The draped bodice is crossed in front over a vest of mauve panne velvet embroidered in silver and is held by a large buckle of silver and rhinestones. The silver trimming is further carried out in revers of applique silver lace and undersleeves of mauve embroidered in silver. A dainty finish at the throat is furnished by a yoke and collar of plaited mauve mousseline de sole and lace. With this gown is worn one of the new long scarves, in this case fashioned of mauve crepe de Chine, embroidered with panne velvet and silver and edged with chinilla.

No. 3 is an Empire gown of chameleon tulle in shades of blue and brown. Bands of shirring are crossed in front and hold it closely to the figure at the sides, with a little vent showing above the full fronts, in lace embroidered in blue and copper. Further trimmings extend the length of the gown in the form of bias bands of brown velvet. Below the girdle in



front the skirt is laid in fine tucks for one-third its length. The rest of it hangs very full, and is trimmed around the bottom with bands of shirring.

## BANISHED CHILD TO HAVE GOOD HOME

Couple Who Read in Evening  
World of Aunt's Treat-  
ment Will Adopt Girl.

Rose Ball, seven years old, who was driven into the street by her aunt, Mrs. Caroline Feucht, of No. 321 Humboldt street, Union Hill, N. J., has found a home with Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, a childless couple, living at No. 4, Henry street, Jersey City. They read the story of the child in The Evening World of yesterday and decided to adopt her. Recorder Hausenstein's Court while he was hearing what Mrs. Feucht had to say. She admitted that she had thrust the girl out of the house, but said Rose would not go to school and refused to obey her.

Recorder Hausenstein said he did not believe her story. He told her that he was a father and she could not make him believe that a child seven years old could not be made to mind. He

said her treatment of the child was inhuman and that if she no longer wished to care for the girl, she should have turned Rose over to the authorities.

At this point Mr. and Mrs. Yonker stepped forward and said they would like to adopt Rose. Mr. Yonker said he is a foreman in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad and that he has worked for that company thirty years.

After the couple had satisfied the Recorder they could give Rose a good home, the girl was placed in their charge with the understanding that they are to take immediate steps to legally adopt her.

### GALWAY MEN TO DANCE.

Former Residents of Ireland Residents to Have a Fine Time.

The men from the famous County of Galway, in the west of Ireland, will dance the old year out and usher the new one in at their twentieth annual ball and reception in the New Amsterdam Opera House, on West Forty-seventh street, on December 31. The County Galway men invariably furnish an excellent bill and this year it is the intention to outdo all previous efforts.

A feature of the affair will be the quaint and beautiful figure dancing of the ancient Irish. A special hall will be used by the boys who care not for the round dances of to-day. The proceeds go to charity.

## OLD GUARD WILL BE ON THE JOB JAN. 24

Famous Social Organization to  
Spend Thousands on  
Annual Ball.

The annual Ball of the Old Guard (the famous old New York military organization) will be held in Madison Square Garden on Thursday evening, January 24. The officers of the executive committee having the ball in charge this year report that no expense will be spared, and personal attention to all the details will be given to make all who may be so fortunate as to be present have the most delightful time. Over \$5,000 will be spent in the decorations of the Garden. The famous Old Guard Band with 200 artists will furnish the military and dancing music.

Boxes and seats for this social event may be obtained from Capt. Charles Johnson, the Treasurer at the Old

## FORMER MILLIONAIRE DIES IN POORHOUSE

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 29.—Once a millionaire wheat speculator, the partner of "Old Hutch" in the Chicago wheat pit, G. G. Leonard died yesterday at the county poor farm at Spangle, unattended and unattended by friends or relatives.

One son is superintendent of the largest steel mills at Birmingham, Ala.; a daughter is the wife of Prof. Fisher, in the University of California, and his wife and two other daughters live in Chicago. Deirdre brought about his downfall, wrecking his health and breaking up his family relations. "Judge" Leonard, as he was familiarly known, was born in New York fifty-three years ago. In the early twenties he practiced law in Chicago. He became associated with Hutchins, son in the famous wheat corner which made the latter a multimillionaire. Leonard had been president of the school board and superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday-school. He located in Spokane in 1898. A year ago he was stricken with paralysis.

## SOME OF THE SPECIAL FEATURES OF To-Morrow's Sunday World

### YOU CAN'T STOP THIS AUTO!

A MAN  
DRIVES IT THROUGH THE STREETS OF  
NEW YORK AT THE TERRIFIC SPEED OF  
**A MILE IN 43 SECONDS**  
AND THE POLICE MUST NOT INTERFERE WITH HIM.  
WHO IS THE MAN? DO YOU KNOW HIM?

## THE 1907 GIRL As Famous Artists See Her

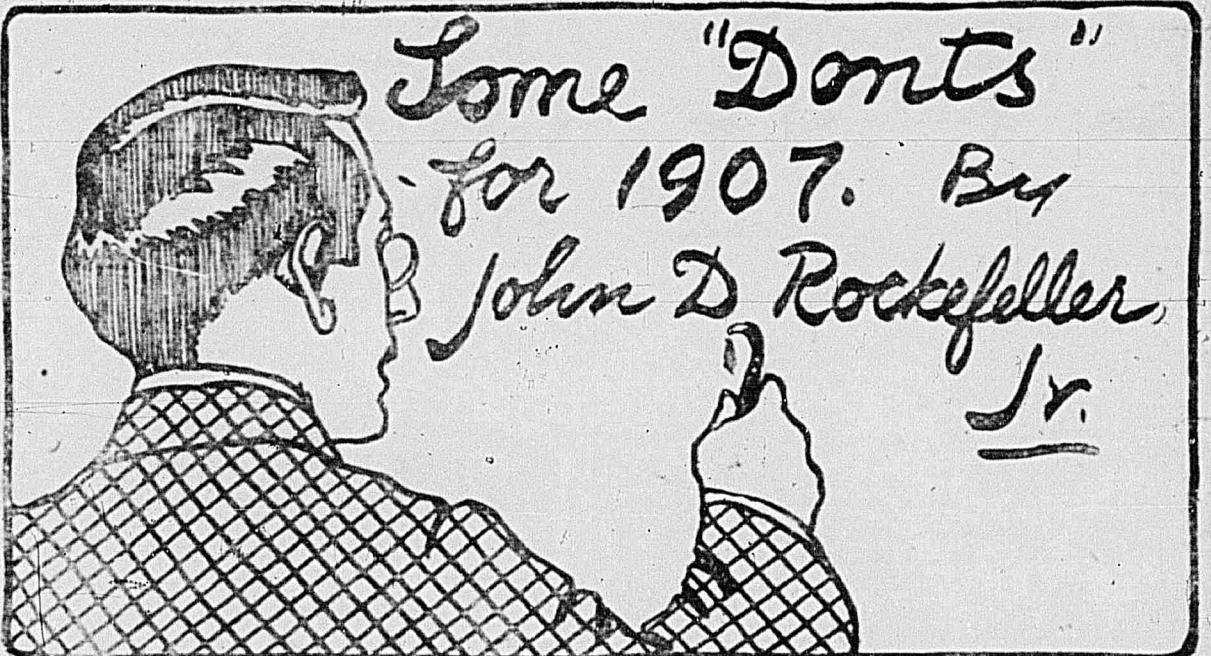
A Page of  
Beautiful Pictures  
in Colors

Madness and Misery  
In the Downfall of  
Strange Religions

"Freak" Sects that Have Gone to Smash  
During the Past Year.

American Children's  
Christmas Abroad

How the Little Ones of the Manchesters,  
Curzons, Marlboroughs, Castellanes and  
Others Spent the Holidays.



## The Terrible Record of 1906!

An Unparalleled Twelvemonth Just Ending. Its History Teeming  
with Disasters Such As Have Never Before Happened.  
What the Prophets Have to Predict for 1907!

## FREE LUNCH FOR WOMEN, the LATEST!

A Place Where Women Can Really Think They are Men.



## NEW YORK'S FIRST UNDER-RIVER TUNNEL ALMOST READY!

## A YEAR'S EXTRAVAGANCE IN NEW YORK

## THE "NEW MAN" WHO WEARS CORSETS IS NEW YORK BECOMING "HIGH-BROWED?"

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An Odd Page in the Metropolitan Section

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